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I just can't figure out how these farmers' minds work. I go to their meetings and I tell 'em, "Look here, you guys. This program stinks. You don't want to get messed up in it. As long as you hire domestics you're all right. You're your own bosses. You can pay 'em what you want, you can hire 'em or fire 'em, you don't have ^{a lot of} ~~only a few~~ people coming around telling you what you can and can't do. But the minute you take on so much as a single National, you have every government agency from here to breakfast on your neck. You're a slave. Every domestic worker who comes around you have got to take on, and give a fair trial. So maybe he's a bum. So he works a day or two, costs you \$10 or \$20, and you only get \$5 or \$10 worth of work out of him. That kind of thing adds up. If you didn't have those Nationals, you wouldn't have to tkae him on in the first place."

Then, there's the \$10 head fee they have to pay, the transportation, housing, and all the rest of it. But, no, they just can't see it my way. They scream that they've got to have Nationals. Sometimes I think they've got rocks in their heads.